



# OUTTRAY

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### LEAPING WOLF BADGE

**GARETH BAXTER** of 1st Algoa Sea Scouts  
**JASON RAYDEMEYER** of 1st Sunridge

## YEAR END AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TIME

Another year has come and gone and with year end being 31 July, all groups should have by now ensured that their records at Area Headquarters are up to date so that an accurate census can be compiled. (See June/July Outtray).

AGM's are to be held in August. Please advise Area Headquarters of the proposed date and time of your Group's AGM.

Immediately following your AGM it is essential that you provide Area Headquarters with an up-dated list of office bearers' names, plus a financial statement, so that application for grant-in-aid, in lieu of rates, can be made.

"Application for Renewal of Group Registration" must now be completed and delivered to Area Headquarters by 31 August.

## THE PATROL SYSTEM

B-P's Outlook May 1915. "In taking away a number of our Commissioners and Scoutmasters, the war is in reality doing a great good to the Movement. It could not have come at a more opportune moment for forcing upon us what I have always urged, namely the value of the Patrol System and the usefulness of the Patrol Leaders if only they are properly trained and invested with responsibility."

I am sure you will agree that this is rather a brutal "solution" to what goes on in most of our troops - Is your troop run on the true Patrol System as envisaged by B-P

almost 100 years ago? Maybe you are one of those many Troop Scouters who have a host of reasons why YOUR TROOP cannot be run on this system. "The oldest boy in my troop is only 11 or 12 years old!" - "We don't have a big enough troop to have separate Patrols!" Of course if you are not on the Patrol System, you will never have enough scouts attending to have the Patrol competitiveness that makes a troop function. Scouts of 11 years can and do make good P/Ls if you make the effort to train them - remember we only ask for a scout to "do their best" and if they stick to it they will grow in the job and before you look again, they are 14/15 years old, and your troop is thriving..

*Kiwit*

## NEW GENERATION SCOUT GROUP



The New Generation Scout Group was formed in Motherwell on 30th June 2001. The photograph shows the new group with AC Ernie Pike at the facility they will have the use of.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

12 August	1st Cotswold Scout Soccer Challenge	15 September	Committee Members Seminar, Port Elizabeth
14 August	Troop Council Meeting	20 September	East London See-O-Nee
16 August	Port Elizabeth See-O-Nee	29 September	KTV Day
18 -19 August	SATAC - South African Training Advisory Council, Gilwood	10 - 19 Dec.	7th South African National Jamboree, SANJAMB 2001, Vaal Dam, Gauteng
24 August	IAL - Introduction to Adult Leadership, SE Region, Butterworth		
25 August	Walton Trophy - Cub First Aid Competition, Port Elizabeth	<b>2002</b>	
01 September	Gilwell Reunion, Gilwood	02 - 12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU, Gilwood
02 September	Training Team Meeting	25 - 28	POW WOW, Cape Eastern
02 September	Area Scout Council		
11 September	District Scouters' Council	<b>28 Dec - 08 Jan 2003</b>	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

## PATROL FISHING TRIP

The Leopard patrol from 1st Uitenhage (SOE) decided to go fishing at Sundays River for one of its patrol activities. The group consisted of PL Sven Arndt, Conrad de Vroom, Kevern Burger, Brian Booyens and Jason Wright. Jason's grandparents were our hosts for the weekend. His grandfather is a past Troop Scouter from East London. The outing began on a Friday and ended on a Sunday.

The fish were not biting but we pressed on. Over the weekend we met another Troop Leader who told us that he was waiting for another patrol to arrive there to undertake a canoe path.

The fishing was scarce until the final night when I, Sven Arndt, got a bite. As I reeled it in I was thinking "the first fish!". Much to my surprise I had landed a jersey - a small green crocheted jersey with hood attached.

My "catch" was laundered by my mom and is presently being framed by Jason's mom. Thereafter it will hang proudly in the 1st Uitenhage (S.O.E.) hall.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this activity.

**Submitted by PL Sven Arndt**

## ALGOA PET SHOW 2001

Much to our delight, the bad weather had disappeared overnight and we could enjoy a bright and sunny Pet Show.

A wide variety of "pets" were paraded around the grounds, and some entries definitely were most original.

Our Pet Show was an ideal platform for the Toughees Cub Challenge. Our Cubs have taken up the challenge to put the problems of the Penguins under the magnifying glass and raise funds. Libby, from Bayworld, brought some of the Penguins out for a visit, and the kids were most fascinated to be able to cuddle them. Little surprise that the Penguin won the prize in the 'Best Bird' category.

All kids love animals and want to have pets. At our Pet show they have to perfect opportunity to show how they love and care for there pets. After all : "A Scout is a friend to Animals"

**Lisbet Demeyer**



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## CUBS ENJOY A "GAME RANGERS CAMP"

The cubs of 1st Uitenhage (SOE) and 1st Cotswold joined forces for a "Game Rangers " camp held at Gilsprings from 29th to 30th June. After the official opening, tents were pitched. Yes, they did all sleep in tents, despite the cold! And brave Akela Hilda slept in the open, under the "afdak" outside the kitchen.

The first activity was making herb gardens with Akela Leslie, and having worked up appetites, the boys moved on to the cooking fires to braai their own burger patties. After a good supper, rounded off with Rikki's hot apple bake, all set off for a night hike to "The Dam". The cubs returned to camp muddy and thrilled with the enchantment of having hiked in the dark. A campfire followed and so they donned their campfire blankets (and the first timers their duvets or anything else warm) and Dylan of 1st Cotswold and Chad, Ryan and Darren of 1st Uitenhage led the campfire.

On Saturday morning there was another hike to enjoy - the Tower Hike - a long one, app 1½ hours return. Rikki and Darren (who had a rugby injury to his ankle) stayed behind to ensure all was safe at camp. No problem here from human intruders, only the monkeys! As soon as it had become quieter, a troop of monkeys descended upon the camp and headed straight for the kitchen. Pot lids were banged, but those monkeys were determined to satisfy their hunger, and so the rest of the apple bake disappeared, much to the disappointment of the cubs! By the time the hikers returned, Darren had started the fires and all was in readiness to prepare lunch time pressure packs.

Scouts Conrad and Sven set up trails for the cubs in the afternoon and there were games such as Tug-O-War and

Save the Rhino. The latter proved riotous with the boys, in relay teams, competing to collect the most paper cut outs of Rhinos. A little breeze increases the crescendo of the game!

All too soon it was time to break camp and the cubs happily went away to enjoy their school holiday. They had only one complaint - the camp was too short!

## HOW DID THE CUBS ENJOY THE CAMP?

I really enjoyed my stay at the camp - I think this is my best camp yet, it was lot of fun. The hike, the stawking, the meals and games. I only hated the icy cold weather. THANK U AKELA FOR THIS WONDEFUL CAMP.

**Sanushin**

What I loved about the camp was the hike. The thing is that Blaine shared all the time And TC was teasing us in the tent so Clevean boxed him in the eye.

**Cameron**

The thing I hated the most was the cold. But it was a lot of fun everybody was very cind and funny. The monkeys were very entertaining. The hikes taught me a lot. The games were very cool and fun. Thank you very much.

**Ross**

Cubs are fun and we like wat ever we do. We went to the dam in the night. We also whent to the camp fire. I liked the camp because sang song and we whent to the tour.

**Cleven**

I liked the hike to the tower and to dam. Me and Ryan were playing rugby. And I liked the preast pack.

**Riyaadh**



MAKING HERB GARDENS WITH AKELA LESLIE



BRAAING HAMBURGER PATTIES



CAMPFIRE LEADERS DYLAN, DARREN, RYAN AND CHAD



HAPPY CAMPERS

The food was great. The hike was a bit tiring but lots of fun. The games were quite entertaining. The tents made it quite cold. But we managed. The night at the camp was great.

**Lyall**

The camp was cool. I like staying up all night. I also thought the stalking. There are no negative comments from me. Thank you.

**Chad**

I enjoyed the camp very much and I hope I can come again. I enjoyed when we made Herb boxes to put seeds in and I enjoyed the monkeys who wanted all the food. I best was when we went to the dam. Today we went to the tower we could see everywhere. Our tents were we slept in was the best and we told everyone jokes it was very funny and the weather was very wonderful and I just want to say to the two Akela's who gave us all food.

**Brendon**

## DUTY TO GOD

### The Spiritual Values in Scouting by E Rutter - 1987

The more one talks to people about Scouting the more one realises that there is tremendous goodwill towards the Movement. Old Scouta are everywhere. Mothers and fathers, businessmen and clergy - all have a good word for us and what we are trying to do.

Are we, the present motivators of the Boy Scouts of South Africa, doing enough to build on this established goodwill? Are we not apt to put our Scouting into a separate compartment divorced from our normal business, social and sporting activities?

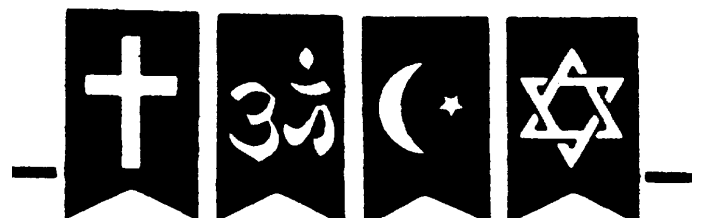
The religious side of Scouting certainly seems to be compartmentalised - so much so that it is not easy to carry it into daily life. Yet Scouting continually affirms its belief in God as the basis of its philosophy. Our framework provides religious and ethnic traditions which when respected will not throw up barriers between people.

The fact that our unique programme has had bits taken from it by other organisations competing for youth interest should be welcomed as a challenge for us to hone our programme to the needs of present-day young men.

Our outdoor programme is an essential part of our training. Not only does it provide the challenge to develop leadership and character but it also creates the opportunities for our members to appreciate the magnitude, beauty and wonderful aspects of God's Creation.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the Scout Movement upholds the principle that religious instruction of the boy is the responsibility of parents and religious authorities. Our job is to encourage the boy to adhere to that part of his Promise which binds him to a "Duty to God."

We believe that we should continually encourage the interest of parents in our activities. Regrettably we do not have the same feeling about religious bodies. The consequence is that Scouting and the "churches" have drifted apart. Both of us are concerned with youth. Our whole programme revolves around the young man. Youth is only a part of theirs.



The tendency in recent years is for "Churches" to promote their own youth groups. In doing this they have, in company with schools, used many of the tools which were, at one time, the prerogative of Scouting. There has therefore been overlapping between "Churches" and Scouting in competing for a boy's time. His loyalty is split and this is not good.

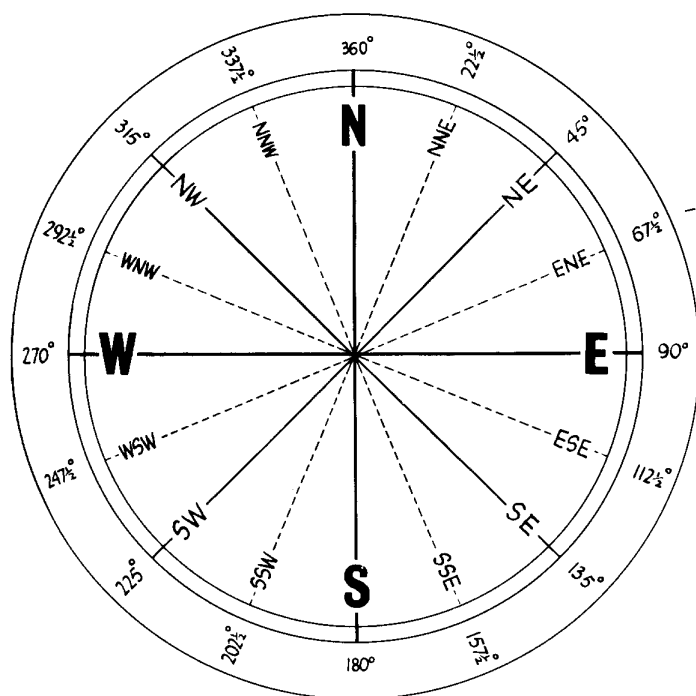
We know we can train boys, through our proven system, to be better citizens. We are creating a rod with which to beat ourselves by treating the "Churches" as a competitor. We would be well advised to establish a closer liaison with them so that each of us can achieve our best potential by co-operation.

The ultimate test of success for failure of our Scout Programme will be the dedication of the individual Scout and Adult Leader to God, Country, Self and to Others.

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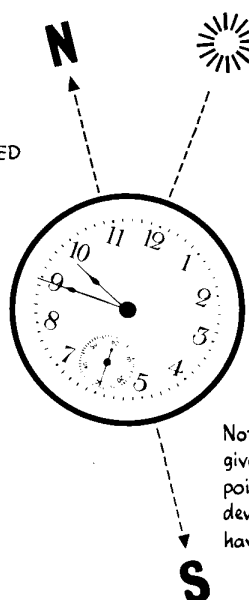
## A SOLAR COMPASS



### IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE:

● **FACE THE SUN. LAY THE WATCH FLAT, AND POINT THE 12 ON THE DIAL TO THE SUN. THE TRUE NORTH/SOUTH LINE WILL LIE EXACTLY HALF-WAY BETWEEN THE 12 AND THE HOUR HAND. SLIDE THE COMPASS CARD UNDER THE WATCH, ALIGN IT WITH NORTH/SOUTH LINE, AND READ OFF THE REQUIRED DIRECTION.**

CENTRE CARD FLAT UNDER WATCH, AND ALIGN THE N/S LINE ON THE CARD WITH THE N/S LINE INDICATED BY THE WATCH.



Note: The watch method gives approximate North point. It is a handy device when you do not have a magnetic compass.

● **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COMPASS, BUT OWN A WATCH, YOU CAN USE YOUR WATCH TO FIND DIRECTION, WITH THE AID OF THE SUN.**

● **TO FIND DIRECTION ACCURATELY, MAKE YOURSELF A CARDBOARD DISC AS ILLUSTRATED ABOVE. YOU CAN USE A PROTRACTOR FROM A SCHOOL GEOMETRY SET TO MARK OFF THE DEGREES WITH PRECISION.**

● **USE THE DISC BY LAYING IT FLAT AND PLACING THE WATCH IN THE CENTRE, AND FINDING THE NORTH/SOUTH LINE AS SHOWN ON THE RIGHT, ALIGNING THE COMPASS CARD ACCORDINGLY.**

### IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE:

● **FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURE... BUT POINT THE HOUR HAND (NOT THE 12) TO THE SUN. THE TRUE SOUTH/NORTH LINE WILL BE HALF-WAY BETWEEN THE FIGURE 12 AND THE HOUR HAND. (REMEMBER TO ALLOW FOR "SUMMER TIME"!)**

## A SOLAR COMPASS

The illustration shows how to make and use this device. The Solar Compass cannot of course give you pin-point accuracy. It should be regarded only as a general indicator of the direction of North and the other cardinal points.

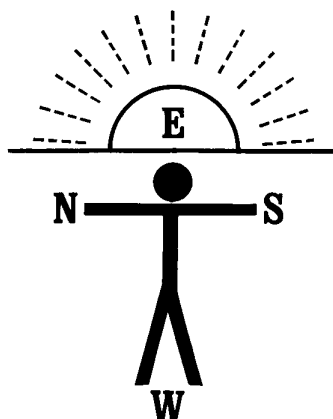
The accuracy or otherwise of the watch method depends on the times and places where it is used. Regard it as a general directional guide. Depending on your position and the time of the year, it can be quite a few degrees out. Experiment in your own location, and then check your "watch findings"

with a compass. The nearer you are to the North or South Poles, the more impractical it becomes to use the watch method.

Having said that, the watch method can be useful in emergency, and when an individual or a Patrol do not possess a magnetic compass — and it is fun to make and use in simple exercises at a Solar Camp.

### Another Simple Way FINDING NORTH BY THE SUN

This method of finding approximate North point, when you have



no compass, can be handy in emergencies, and is useful for survival training:

As the sun rises in the East, stand with your **back** to the sun and raise your arms, at your sides, to shoulder height. Your right arm will be pointing North, and your left arm South, and from this you can, approximately, fix the other cardinal points.

Alternatively, as the sun sets in the West, stand with your **back** to the sun and raise your arms as described above. Your left arm will point North, your right arm South.

Ack: Veld Lore.